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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the abstract at page 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

An optical pickup is provided which is capable of minimizing an astigmatism thereof with a simple configuration. The optical pickup [[6]] includes a collimate lens [[16]] for transferring optical beams outputted from a laser diode [[11]] to parallel light, and an objective lens [[18]] for collecting the optical beams transferred to parallel light with the collimate lens [[16]] and applying the optical beams to an optical disk [[50]], wherein mounting angles of the collimate lens [[16]] and the objective lens [[18]] are adjusted so that astigmatisms of the collimate lens [[16]] and the objective lens [[18]] may be offset by each other. Thus the astigmatism of the optical pickup [[6]] can be minimized with a simple configuration without need for separately providing an element for means of correcting aberration.